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SUBJECT: POLADS AGENDA, JANUARY 15

I. STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECT: NO GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

II. PENDING OR CONTINUING ITEMS

A. EXCHANGE OF MILITARY VISITS WITH SOVIET UNION: SEE
USNATO 0071.

B. REPORTED CONFERENCES IN MOSCOW: SEE USNATO 0072. BEARING
IN MIND CAVEAT REGARDING SOURCES, WE PLAN UNLESS OTHER-
WISE INSTRUCTED TO DRAW UPON REPORTS LISTED IN MOSCOW 0466.

C. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS,
CARACAS, FEBRUARY 11 TO 16, 1974: BELGIUM HAS BEEN INVITED TO
ATTEND CONGRESS ALTHOUGH IT HAS PREVIOUSLY DECLINED
TO TAKE PART IN MEETINGS OF THIS BODY. GOB WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
WHETHER OTHER ALLIES HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS AND IF SO, HOW
THEY INTEND TO REPLY. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

III. WORK OF THE REGIONAL EXPERTS GROUPS: WE WILL BE GUIDED
BYSTATE 3036. UK IS FURTHER SUGGESTING THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF
PREPARE INITIAL DRAFTS OF EXPERTS REPORTS WITHOUT
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NECESSARILY RELYING ON NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS SUBMITTED IN
ADVANCE OF METINGS, AND THAT TO AVOID OVERLAPS UK SEES IN MIDDLE
EAST, MAGHREB AND MEDITERRANEAN REPORTS, ME AND MAGHREB GROUPS
SHOULD BE AMALGAMATED OR MED REPORTS SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO TAKE

IN ME AND MAGHREB.

COMMENT: WE THINK PROPOSAL THAT IS PREPARE FIRST DRAFTS OF ALL REPORTS GOES TOO FAR AT THIS TIME. THERE IS LIKELY TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT ON PILOT BASIS IS SHOULD PREPARE FIRST DRAFT OF ONE REGIONAL REPORT, PERHAPS ON AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA. WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE HOW THIS WORKS OUT IN PRACTICE BEFORE AGREEING THAT IS PREPARE ALL FIRST DRAFTS ON ITS OWN. AS TO AMALGAMATION, WE WOULD SEE NO OBJECTION TO COMBINING ME AND MAGHREB REPORTS. HOWEVER, WE THINK APPROACH AND PURPOSES OF MED REPORT DIFFER FROM THOSE OF REGIONAL EXPERTS MEETINGS. MEDITERRANEAN IS WITHIN NATO TREATY AREA WHILE REGIONAL AREAS ARE NOT. WE WOULD THEREFORE NOT FAVOR AMALGAMATION OF MED WITH ME/MAGHREB REPORTS. WE SEE NO HARM IN OVERLAP BETWEEN MED REPORT AND ME/MAGHREB. THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED AND INDEED ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE REGIONAL EXPERTISE FOR THE MED REPORT WHICH DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH SOVIET EXPANSION INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

IV. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: NO GUIDANCE REQUIRED.
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